

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 17, 2005. Claims 94-98 are pending. Claims 1-93 were previously canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 94-98 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as purportedly unpatentable over claims 68-74 of U.S. Patent No. 6,468,618 to Murata et al.

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 10/194,015, filed July 10, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,686,018, issued February 3, 2004, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/499,496, filed February 7, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,468,618, issued October 22, 2002.

Since claims 94-98 of this application were in the original application as filed in Serial No. 09/499,496 and were subject to a restriction requirement of the Patent Office in Serial No. 09/499,496, Applicant submits that it is improper, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to reject claims 94-98 of this application in a double patenting rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 6,468,618.

However, in order to facilitate processing of this application for allowance, a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith (attached as Exhibit A hereto) and the \$130.00 statutory disclaimer fee is enclosed herewith.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Teng", is written over a horizontal line.

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